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Dear Brother

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After struggling with many conflicting feelings I have come to the conclusion that a regard for my own comfort and happiness as well as that of my homeless and motherless children require of me to seek a companion to take the place of her who has gone. I do not know of any one at all suited to my wants, and knowing that you can sympathize with me I want to advise with you in the matter. It is undoubtedly best for every one to make their own selection - but the intervention of friends may be oftentimes expedient.

Without speaking of my own taste which might govern me in the choice of a wife in respect to her person age mind &c I must be governed somewhat by the necessities of my little children. They need a kind gentle affectionate mother - one who would readily fall in with and take pleasure in the responsible duties of training up for Heaven little children who are certainly not uninteresting; and whose progress & attainment would probably well reward her for her kindness and care. On this point I have been much tried. My wife felt more deeply respecting the instruction and care of the children than on any other matter; and I trust the Lord will provide one in her stead endowed with her spirit -

As to my pecuniary circumstances they are not such as to offer any inducements to a lady, for I have nothing but my hands & my head - but I expect always to be provided for.

Please advise me on this subject and speak of any young lady you may know whom you think would interest me.

Give my love to Caroline - Say to her that Augusta will soon in the course of this month and may take my little William with her.

Your affectionate brother
William H. Little